RFI FOR GRANTEES WHO CAN PROVIDE SUMMER EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITY FOR YOUTH

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FY 2015 Summer Employment Opportunity Funds Available

The Commissioner of Labor has determined to allocate funding for grants to perform Summer Employment Opportunities for Youth.

The Vermont Department of Labor (VDOL) announces the availability of funds to award grants to organizations having the capacity to deliver a Summer Employment Opportunity (SEO) that links academics, occupational skills learning, and career pathways. <u>Grants will begin in July, 2015 and end September 30, 2015.</u>

Please note: President Barack Obama signed the Workforce Innovation and Opportunity Act (WIOA) into law on July 22, 2014. WIOA requires any programs funded by youth formula funds to use 75% of those funds to serve out-of-school youth ages 16-24. Only 25% of participants can be in-school youth ages 14-21. This requirement will be closely monitored and enforced by Vermont Department of Labor.

<u>Eligible Applicants</u>: Applications will be accepted from public or private non-profit organizations. Preference will be given to organizations that have a proven history of providing services to at-risk youth in Vermont.

These grants will include the following WIOA requirements:

- 1. All grantees must provide academics, occupational skills learning, and career pathway guidance to all of its participants.
- 2. The priority for the Summer Employment Opportunity is to serve **out of school youth.**

To receive more information and/or an application, please contact: Sally Redpath sally.redpath@state.vt.us or Tracy Verge tracy.verge@state.vt.us

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To receive an application packet, please contact Sally Redpath at sally.redpath@state.vt.us, or by phone: 802-828-4394 or Tracy Verge at tracy.verge@state.vt.us 802-535-5332

Terms and Conditions

As a public sector organization, the Vermont Department of Labor (VDOL) is required to solicit formal bids through an RFI process.